This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A software version/control method comprising:

assigning <u>each of a plurality of</u> data files to <u>one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file</u> groups;

<u>for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data files</u> [processing each group] to form <u>one</u> [corresponding] processed image[s] for the downloadable file group;

associating each <u>resulting</u> processed image with a unique identifier;

generating a listing of unique identifiers;

storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a [client] <u>source</u> device;

[during an upgrade process,] comparing the listing of unique identifiers with a [downloaded latest] <u>current</u> listing of unique identifiers [from] <u>of</u> a [source] <u>client</u> device; and

selectively sending processed images <u>from the source device</u> whose unique identifiers appear[s] in the [latest] listing of unique identifiers [from the source device] but not in the <u>current</u> listing of unique identifiers in <u>the</u> client device.

2.   (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the source device includes at least one server device.

3.   (original)   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein each unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.

4.   (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein assigning data files to downloadable file groups further includes assigning a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group[s].

5.   (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising [wherein storing] sending the processed image[s] and the listing of unique identifiers [within the] to a client device [further includes storing] that stores the processed image[s] and the listing of unique identifiers in a persistent memory.

6-7.   (cancelled)

8.   (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to perform[ing steps] acts comprising:

        assigning each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file groups;

for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data files [processing each group] to form one [corresponding] processed image[s] for the downloadable file group;

associating each resulting processed image with a unique identifier;

generating a listing of unique identifiers;

storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a [client] source device;

[during an upgrade process,] comparing the listing of unique identifiers with a [downloaded latest] current listing of unique identifiers [from] of a [source] client device; and

selectively sending processed images from the source device whose unique identifiers appear[s] in the [latest] listing of unique identifiers [from the source device] but not in the current listing of unique identifiers in the client device.

9.   (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, wherein the source device includes at least one server device.

10.   (original) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, wherein each unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.

11.   (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, wherein assigning data files to <u>downloadable file</u> groups further includes assigning <u>a plurality of</u> related function data files to <u>one downloadable file</u> group[s].

12.   (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, <u>further comprising</u> [wherein storing] <u>sending</u> the processed image[s] and the listing of unique identifiers [within the] <u>to a</u> client device [further includes storing] <u>that stores</u> the processed image[s] and the listing of unique identifiers in a persistent memory.

13-14. (cancelled)

15.   (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

memory; and

logic coupled to the memory and operatively configured to <u>assign each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file groups, for each downloadable file group compress together all assigned data files to form one processed image for the downloadable file group, associate each resulting processed image with a unique identifier,</u> store <u>the</u> processed images [of files] and a listing of <u>unique</u> identifiers [associated with each of the processed images] to the memory, and [during an upgrade process] compare the listing of unique identifiers with a [downloaded latest] <u>current</u> listing of unique identifiers

[from a source] of a client device to identify processed images that need to be [downloaded] provided to the client device.

16. (original) The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein each unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.

17-20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a network;

a server device operatively coupled to the network and configured to [selectively] assign each of a plurality of server-based data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding server-based downloadable file [files to] groups, [process] for each server-based downloadable file group compress together all assigned data files to form one [corresponding] processed image[s] for the server-based downloadable file group, associate each resulting processed image with a unique identifier, and selectively output the processed images and a latest listing of unique identifiers over the network; and

a client device operatively coupled to the network and configured to communicate with the server device through the network, wherein the client device is further configured to maintain a listing of unique identifiers associated with processed images stored locally within the client device, [during an upgrade

process,] compare the listing of unique identifiers with a downloaded latest listing of unique identifiers from [a source] the server device, and selectively download processed images whose unique identifiers appears in the latest listing of unique identifiers from the [source] server device but not in the listing of unique identifiers in the client device.

22.   (original)   The system as recited in Claim 21, wherein each unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.

23.   (currently amended) The system as recited in Claim 21, wherein the server device is further configured to selectively assign a plurality of related function data files to [the same] one downloadable file group.

24.   (cancelled).

--25.   (new) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the one processed image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

26.   (new) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, wherein the one processed image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

27. (new) The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein the one processed image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

28. (new) The system as recited in Claim 21, wherein the one processed image for the server-based downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

29. (new) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to perform acts comprising:

assigning each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file groups;

for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data files to form one processed image for the downloadable file group;

associating each resulting processed image with a unique identifier;

generating a listing of unique identifiers; and

storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a source device.

30. (new) A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29, wherein the source device includes at least one server device.

31. (new) A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29, wherein each unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.

32.   (new)   A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29, wherein assigning data files to downloadable file groups further includes assigning a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group.

33.   (new) A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29, further comprising sending the processed image and the listing of unique identifiers to a client device. --